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THE BRITISH APPLE MARKET

The British market for American apples during the past week as reflected by the Liverpool auction of Wednesday, March 30, shows a general improvement, according to quotations cabled by Mr. Edwin Smith, the Department's Fruit Specialist in Europe. This is the last cable from Mr. Smith on the Liverpool fruit auctions for this season. There was a moderate but improving demand for barreled stock and an active demand for good condition boxed stock. The condition of the fruit, however, was variable to poor. Supplies in general were only moderate.

Virginia Yellow Newtowns topped the market, A-2½ inch sizes ranging from \$7.60 to \$7.91 per barrel as compared with \$6.33 to \$6.57 per barrel last week. The demand for New York Rhode Island Greenings also showed considerable improvement, A-2½ inch sizes selling at from \$5.84 to \$6.81 as compared with \$5.11 to \$5.47 last week, although the fruit was only in fair condition. New York Baldwins were in poor color and appearance, but sold moderately at from \$5.35 to \$5.84 as against \$4.62 to \$4.87 last week. New York Ben Davis sold moderately at last week's prices, but Virginia Winesaps were slightly lower because of the unsatisfactory condition of the fruit.

Auction supplies of Pacific Northwest Winesaps are light but stocks in the hands of jobbers and retailers are heavy. As a result, competition at the auction was dull, Extra Fancy grades in good condition, sizes 163/175, selling slowly at from \$2.68 to \$3.04 per box compared with \$3.04 to \$3.28 last week. Supplies of Oregon Yellow Newtowns are moderate, but a considerable proportion of the consignments is arriving in a bad state of decay. The demand is active for fruit in good condition, but dull on low grades. Extra Fancy fruit, sizes 163/175, was disposed of readily at from \$3.65 to \$3.89 per box as compared with \$3.59 to \$3.77 per box last week.

New Zealand boxed apples are selling at from \$3.89 to \$4.38 per case. Some fruit in exceptionally fine condition brought even higher prices. Florida grapefruit ranged from \$3.89 to \$6.08 per box this week as against \$4.38 to \$5.23 last week. Spanish oranges declined, selling at from \$3.41 to \$4.33 per half-case as compared with \$3.89 to \$5.84 last week. Jaffa oranges are bringing from \$2.92 to \$3.89 per case.

The following table gives the prices paid for American apples in Liverpool on Wednesday, March 30, 1927, with comparisons:

Prices of American apples at Liverpool

Variety and Grade	Origin	Price	
		March 23, 1927	March 30, 1927
		Per bbl	Per bbl
Winesap, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Virginia	\$5.11 - 5.47	\$4.87 - 5.35
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (poor condition)	"	4.38 - 4.62	b/
Yellow Newtown, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	6.33 - 6.57	7.30 - 7.91
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (poor condition)	"	4.50 - 4.87	4.87 - 6.08
Baldwin, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	New York	4.62 - 4.87	5.35 - 5.84
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (poor condition)	"	b/	3.89 - 5.23
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in. (inferior fruit)	"	3.41 - 3.83	b/
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	Massachusetts	5.35 - 5.84	b/
Rhode Island Greening, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	New York	5.11 - 5.47	5.84 - 6.81
A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	4.38 - 4.87 ^{a/}	b/
Ben Davis, A-2 $\frac{1}{2}$ in.	"	4.38 - 4.81	4.38 - 4.87
		Per box	Per box
Winesap:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Washington	3.04 - 3.28	2.68 - 3.04
Fancy, 163/175	"	2.68 - 2.86	2.43 - 2.68
Yellow Newtown:			
Extra Fancy, 163/175	Oregon	3.59 - 3.77	3.65 - 3.89
Extra Fancy, 163/175 (poor condition) :	"	2.43 - 2.86	2.43 - 2.92
Fancy, 163/175	"	3.41 - 3.53	3.65
Combination (Extra Fancy and Fancy) ...:			
150/larger	Virginia	1.82 - 2.19	b/
C-Grade, 150/larger	"	1.46 - 1.70	b/
Baldwin:			
Fancy, 150/larger	Massachusetts	2.07 - 2.13	b/
C-Grade, 150/larger	"	1.70 - 1.82	b/

a/ Fair condition. b/ None quoted in cable.

